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A SAD, SAD SCENE. THE PRESIDENT'S LEAVE-TAKING FROM HIS DYING MOTHER.

OF RECOGNITION.

The Aged Lady Has a Relapse, But Rallies Again-Mr. McKinley Arranges to Return To-Morrow, After the Opening of Congress.

CANTON, O., December 4 .- A sadder scene was never witnessed than the leavetaking of President McKinley from his cying mother this afternoon. The carriage was early announced to convey him to the special car at the Pennsylvania depot, awaiting the arrival of the regular east-bound train. But till the very last possible moment the President remained at the old homestead.

pefore leaving the house he and other members of the family went to the bedside of the dying mother. He looked at her long, spoke to her lovingly, and stooped and tenderly kissed her. There s no response, no movement to indicate that she recognized her son,

He remained in a stooping posture for me time, hoping that he might receive some sign that she knew or felt his prescare. It did not come. With feelings of the deepest emotion he at last left the

It was a strange coincidence that almost immediately following the departure of the President, the mother should suffor a relapse. Within half an hour after e left the city her illness took a turn for the worse. The attending physician ared it was a relapse, which for a threatened to extinguish the faintly-

more, however, the rugged constice more, however, the rugged consi-n of the aged woman withstood the uit. She rallied slightly, and ere was back to the condition in which had been for nearly twenty hours—a tion of quiet, and seemingly restful but which, it was fully realized, a slow burning out of the vital tof life. In that condition she was How long it might continue

President left Canton at 2:05 o'clock afternoon, Judge Day, Assistant retary of State, accompanying him in Shortly before the deure he held a conference with the out the original plan of leaving ashington. He assured the Presient that no act of a loving son or any aged mother, and that she would never in be able to recognize him or to lize his presence or absence. His last ords to the family were that he be teletraphed at every station along the route

The President has definitely arranged to return to Canton Tuesday morning, aving Washington Monday as soon as has completed his duties in connection th the opening of Congress. Mrs. Mcinley will accompany him, as will her ughter, Miss Mabel, of New York.

The family are nearly all at the home-rad, including the surviving children, veral grandchildren, and Miss Abigali Osborne, Mrs. McKinley's sister, and mother of William McKinley Osborne, Consul-General to London. She arrived last night, too late to receive a sign of

Dr. Phillips left the McKinley house early this evening. The patient was then resting quietly. The pulse and respiration were much improved, giving some reason to hope that she may sur-

MOBILE POSTMASTERSHIP CASE. Rapter Holds the Fort for the Time Being.

WASHINGTON, December 4.-Postmaster Rapier, of Mobile, Ala., who refuses to vacate his office in favor of the man appointed to succeed him, will continue to hold office until a legal opinion on the question of his rights can be pro-

Post-Office-Inspector Tate has been in structed to remain at Mobile to await the action of the department, which has referred the matter to the law branch of A decision is expected

The postmaster claims that the President has no power to remove him until his term expires or his successor is ap-Pointed by the Senate.
On the strength of the decision in the

case of Parsons vs. the United States, the government holds that Rapier's con conference over the case in Postmaster-General Gary's office this afternoon be tween the Postmaster-General, Fourth-Assistant-Postmaster-General Bristow Assistant-Attorney-General Tyner, and Chief-Post-Office-Inspector Hamlet, The oference, however, was without result. ter were discussed—by civil process, by atrest for obstructing the United States mails, or for interfering with a United States marshal, by having the appointe act as regardless of the other, or other means. It was agreed, however, that as Postmaster Rapier would yield possession by Monday, action until then

NO CABINET CHANGE SOON.

should be suspended.

Griggs Cannot Enter the Body Before Next Year.

WASHINGTON, December 4 .-- From the best obtainable information, it appears that no change is to be made in the composition of the Cabinet during the remainder of the current year. There are two reasons for this: Attorney-General McKenna has charged himself with the prosecution of the Pacific railway cases and it is supposed he will not relinquish present office until these cases pass

ernor Griggs, of New Jersey, offered the place in the Cubinet vacated by Attorney-General Mcn, but it will not be possible for to take the office before the begin of next year. • New Jersey Constitution fails to

and the successor to the governor-would be the President of the State , who is limited in the assumption of the office to the time when the Legis lature is in actual session, which will not occur until January 1st. Should Gov-ernor Griggs relinquish his place now, consequently there could be no head to the State Government during the period of time between now and January 1st and the Governor is unwilling to leave matters in such condition.

THE PRESIDENT ON FINANCE.

What He Will Recommend Touching the Currency.

WASHINGTON, December 4.-President McKinley, in his forthcoming message to Congress, will not discuss in a significant way the recent monetary negotia tions of the Wolcott Bimetallic Commis sion, but will casually refer to them sage will attach to a recommendation that gold shall be paid only for green-backs, and that greenbacks shall be paid only for gold. The President does not over expenditures, and an exchange of gold and notes, there is no longer any

menace to the country.

He does not contempiate the retirement of Treasury notes, but only a change of classification, for the reason that, if retired, there would always be a talk of contraction of the currency, and he does believe that if gold and greenbacks are made interchangeable and bearing. are made interchangeable, and kept in a class by themselves, no danger need be apprehended from that source.

OPENING OF CONGRESS.

Programme for House-Two Approprintion Bills Ready.

WASHINGTON, December 4.-Chairman Dingley, of the Ways and Means Committee, was among the arrivals today. After conferring with Chairman Cannon, of the Committee on Approcannon, or the Committee on Appropriations, the general programmo for the opening days of the House was mapped out. Mr. Dingley was informed that two appropriation bills—the pension and legislative bill and the executive and judicial measure-were practically completed. It was determined, therefore, to take these up at the outset. When they are out of the way, it is probable that the bankruptcy legislation will have a hearing.

Graeco-Turkish Peace a Fact. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 4.-

The Turkish legation to-day received the following: "Constantinople, December 4 .- A definite treaty of peace between the Sublime Porte and Greece has been signed this

Secretary Sherman Much Better.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 4.ecretary Sherman was so much roved to-day that he transacted business at home, but did not venture out, owing to the fact that the weather was in-

Postmusters for Virginia. WASHINGTON, December 4.-The folowing fourth-class postmasters have seen appointed for Virginia: Rural Retreat, J. W. Eiffert; Taylor's Store, John Kinsey; Walkerton, Mrs. M.

MR. EVENSEN EXONERATED. Justice Tomlin, of Norfolk, Dismiss-

Turner.

ed the Case Against Him. Mr. Christian Evensen, the popular manager of the Elks' Home in this city, taken to Norfolk to answer a charge of having removed a piano and other articles from Norfolk after a deed of trust had been executed on them, returned conduct of the government, conduct of the government, to put such a bill before the people's representatives?"

The Boursen Courier and other Moderate papers also condemn the measure, and predict its failure. Some of the papers are cally the Conservahad been executed on them, returned home yesterday, having appeared before Justice Tomlin, of Norfolk, and been promptly discharged from custody, Mr. W. H. Hofheimer, the plaintiff, failing to make out a case against him.

Mr. Evensen is indignant that such a charge should have been preferred against

him, and contemplates entering suit against those who were responsible for his arrest. Mr. J. Samuel Parrish, who went to Norfolk and defended him, has the case in hand.

Sunday-School Rally at Asbury.

There will be a Sunday school rally at at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Beauchamp will speak on the relation of officers and teachers to the Sunday school; Dr. T. N. Potts will deliver an address on The Relation of Parents to the Scho and Rev. S. C. Hatcher will talk to the children. All friends of the school are cordially invited to attend. On Monday evening at 8 o'clock there

will be a literary and social meeting of the Asbury Epworth League at the church, on Lombardy street. The topic presses satisfaction. Even the govern-of the meeting will be "Eminent Metho-ment newspapers which have hithertodists," one of the books of the reading been very cautions, express pleasure at the Count's retirement from power.

Rev. E. H. Rawlings, of Clay-Street The Centre party has reintroduced the

church, will deliver an address, and several of the members of the league will discuss the topic mentioned above. There will be music suitable to the ocasion, and the exercises will conclude

Several Weddings Announced.

Cards have been issued announcing forthcoming nuptials of Mr. Gregory Fisher and Miss Edna Earl Kay, Providence Forge Methodist Episco Episcopa The ceremony will take place Wednesday, December 8th. The bride lect is a daughter of Mr. John Kay, a prominent citizen of Providence Forge, The groom is the son of Mr. George Fisher, and is a young school teacher of New Kent.

Invitations have been issued to the narriage of Mr. William O'Conner and Miss Blanche Gathwright, both of this The ceremony will take place on the evening of next Wednesday at o'clock, and will be performed at the residence of the bride-elect's parents. Cards are out announcing the coming of Mr. Louis Briel and Miss Irene Birchett. The ceremony will be performed Tuesday evening next at 6 o'clock at St. John's German church,

Dance on Floyd Avenue.

Among the social events of last week was a hop given Wednesday at Miss Robinson's hall, on Floyd avenue. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms and other foliage plants. Among those pres-ent were Mrs. Richard Wight, Misses Bessle Wight, Kate and Alberta liams, Evie Blankenship, Virginia Tyler, Julia Cardwell, of Hanover; Dorothea and Bessie Lee, guests of Miss Anne Lee; Kate Bidgood, Miss Carlton, Hal Light-foot, Lottie Lambert, Edith Jones, and Miss Waddill, or Hanover. Among the gentlemen were Messrs, Richard Early, Albert Williams, William Lightfoot, Reed Venable, Edward and Willie Wright, Ro-bert Peyton, Morrison Glenn, Phillip Cariton, Clarence Thomas, George Mcerery, and Clarence Taylor, and Pat. Cardwell, of Hanover.

Judge Farrar to Lecture.

An interesting session of Richmond Lodge, No. 428, Independent Order of Good Templars, was held Friday night at Belvidere Hall. This lodge will have Judge F. R. Farrar ("Johnny Reb") to Thursday night at Young Men's Christian Association Hall, His subject will be "Winter Evening His subject will be Stories by an Old Man." Some good music, vocal and instrumental, is promised. Judge Farrar is a comrade good standing in Lee Camp No. 1, Co federate Veterans, and has for twenty-eight years delighted audience all over the country. He is an alumnus of Princeton and the University of Virginia. He began his professional career as lecturer in 1866 with his famous "Johnny Reb."

Death of Mr. George H. Wharton,

Mr. George Herbert Wharton died last night at 10 o'clock at No. 322 south Thire street. The deceased was in the 3th year of his age. He had been long employed by the firm of Veterlein Brothers, of Philadelphia, but about a year ago, on account of ill health, was forced to resign his position, returned to this city, and had since resided with his brother-in-law, Captain Louis F. Bossieux. The deceased was a most courteous and affa-ble gentleman, and was held in high ble gentieman, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

The funeral will take place from the above residence at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

The Council and Charter Changes. The Common Council will meet at the City Hall to-morrow night at 7 o'clock. The session promises to be a very long one, as a vast amount of routine business is to be transacted. The discussion of the believe that Congress will retire the notes, and it is his opinion that where there is a constant surplus of receipts in the constant surplus surplus

POLITICAL POT IN GERMANY BOIL

ING AT A GREAT RATE. SPECTACULAR REICHSTAG OPENING.

It Has Failed of the Intended Ef feet-The Chinese Question-The Emperor's Pet Measures-Emigra tion to America-Notes.

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BERLIN, December 4.-Politically, this has been a very lively week in Germany, the opening of the Reichstag being the first feature of importance, with the Chinese question a good second. When he made his speech from the throne in the White Hall of the Castle, on Tuesday, Emperor William had everything arranged to render the scene impressive. On the landing of the state stairs hung a colossal painting, showing the Emperor taking the oath on the colors in the presence of the same Reichstag, but the effect was wholly inadequate, many delegates, on leaving the castle, openly criticising the speech. The Cologne Voiks Zeitung, commenting on the whole scene, says: "There is a chasm between the Emperor and the nation's representa-

tives." Continuing, the Volks Zeitung reminds his Majesty that since his accession the Empire's debt has been increased by 1,500,-600,600 marks, almost exclusively for

military and naval purposes.

As a matter of fact, this Reichstag will stand or fall with the two important bills introduced by the government on the opening day—the naval bill and the bill for the reform of military trials, and That may be safely predicted. Talks which the correspondent here of the Associated Press has had with leaders of a majority of the parties, make it evident that the opposition to the government's bills will not be overcome. The Tagblatt says: "How shall we characterize the

pers, however, especially the Conserva-tive organs, hold opposite views.

MIGRATION TO UNITED STATES.

One of the government's arguments in the memorial accompanying the navai-bill is emigration. Reviewing the past flow to the United States, it expresses the hope that with a larger navy and a consequent larger sea trade, this migra-tion may be more largely diverted to the German Colonies. The first reading of the naval bill will

take place on Monday, but unless the government is able to accelerate the roceedings, a vote cannot be taken until In regard to the statements of the

German papers, the correspondent here of the Associated Press learns that no instructions regarding China have been sent to the United States Ambassador, Andrew D. White, from Washington. The downfall of Count Badeni, the late Austrian Premier, was received with re-joicing in Germany. The Austrians of Berlin illuminated their houses in honor of the event, and the entire press ex-

ment newspapers which have hitherto

bill providing for the readmission of Je-suits into Germany. The budget contains an item fixing the salary of the Imperial Chancellor at 100,-000 marks, instead of 54,000 marks. It is a promise the Emperor made Prince Hohenlohe, his present salary being inade-quate, in view of the lavish entertainments expected of his office. The item will be the subject of lively attacks upon the part of the Socialists and Radicals.

ALLEGED DAUNTLESS EXPEDITION. Spain to Present a Claim for Damages.

MADRID, December 4.-The Spanish Government, it is semi-officially announced, has received details of the landing of an expedition in Cuba from the American steamer Dauntless, and it is understood the Spanish Minister at Washington, Senor Dupuy de Lome, will shortly present in this connection a claim for damages from the United States.

Washington dispatches chronicle the fact that Commander Pillsbury, of the United States steamship Vesuvius, which has been doing patrol duty off the coast of Florida recently, with the view of preventing the departure of filibustering expeditions, has written a letter to the Navy Department, detailing the movements of the Dauntless since November 11th, showing her to have been repeatedly searched, and apparently proving that the steamer has not been engaged within the time indicated in landing filibustering expeditions on the coast of Cuba,

PRAGUE NOW QUIET.

Military Patrol Fired On-Disturbances in Other Bohemian Towns. PRAGUE, December 4.-At Tabor last

evening the Czechs attacked the houses of the Hebrews and broke the windows of the Synagogue. Five of the rioters were arrested. The local force of gendarmes was reinforced this morning, and the military was called upon to assist in

restoring order.

A mob of over 1,000 persons at Braunau last evening attacked the houses of the Czechs, and in spite of the efforts of the gendarmes and regular police, smashed windows and did other damage. Quiet was not restored until midnight.

In Prague, a military patrol was fired upon from a house on Brennestrasse. None of the patrol were wounded. There have been no outbreaks of viocity to-day, and complete tranquillity now prevails.

GERMANY AND HAITL Semi-Official Suggestion That Port-

au-Prince May Be Bombarded. BERLIN, December 4.-The semi-official

Post to-day says: "Should Halti refuse the German demands (for an indemnity on account of the alleged illegal arrest and imprisonment of Herr Lueders, a German subject, at Port-au-Prince), sharp measures will follow. We shall first bombard the coast forts, and if they are persistent, we shall bombard the city and the government buildings."

THE POPE NOT WELL.

Celebration of Anniversary of His First Mass Abandoned.

LONDON, December 4.-A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Rome, published this afternoon, says that the Pope has not been enjoying his usual health recently. Dr. Lapponi, the Pope's physician, it is added, has forbidden his Holician, it is added, has forbidden his Holl-ness to take part in any trying function, and, therefore, the programme mapped out for the ceremonies which were to take place on the sixtleth anniversary plicants,

of the celebration of the first mass of Leo XIII. has been abandoned.

German Reinforcements for China. BERLIN, December 4.-The German re-MERGED THEREIN.

inforcements which will soon be sent to Kiao-Chou bay consist of four companies of marines, consisting of twenty three officers and 1,200 men, a company of naval artillery, numbering 200 men, several pieces of field artillery, and a number of machine guns.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Circuit Court Special Term Proba ble-Personal Mention.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 4. Special.)-A letter received from Judge Benjamin T. Gunter yesterday, by Clerk T. H. Geddy, states that Judge Ro. R. Prentis, of Suffolk, might hold a special term of Circuit Court here on the 17th of this month. If the date is agreeable to the members of the bar, it is probable that the term will begin on that day. The many friends of Judge Gunter here will be pleased to learn that he is or the mend and hopes to be out soon.

Mr. Arthur Denmead, Mr. Oscar Lane and ex-Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, Mr. Edward Thompson, turned this morning from a visit to the eapital city. Mr. Barron Jones, of Portland, Ore

who has returned to Oregon after a stay here, his old home, of several months, writes that he has engaged in the hardware business, but expects to take a trip to the Klondike in the early spring, and if everything is promising he hopes to lo-cate in the "diggings."

The fox-hunting season is now in full blast, and every day partles are out in search of Reynard, and generally succeed in securing one or two fine speci-

Rev. I. N. Latham, pastor of our Methodist church, who has been returned to us by the conference, is expected back next week, after spending a short vaca-tion with friends in Ashland. Mr. Latham is a fine pulpit orator, a successful church worker, a good paster, and a genial gentleman, and one of the most popular preachers ever in our town. The portion of King's Mill not laid off in town lots will next year be run as a farm by Mr. Van Epps, of this place, who has made his arrangements to that end with the owner, Dr. Ketler, of Grove City, Pa., and will next week remove with his family to the site of the embryo city on the lower James.

Mr. R. C. Lawson, one of our local huntsmen, and generally a very suc-cessful one, has this season killed and secured eighteen wild turkeys. He reports wild ducks scarce in this vicinity

and very few killed this season.

Mr. E. T. Gill, from Haddonfield, N.
J., who is down for a hunt on his farm,
"Greenspring," with a party of friends,
has had a number of shots at deer, but as yet has not killed any.

The many friends of Mr. Edwin G.

Booth, of Carter's Grove, are much gratified to learn of his promotion to a monthly clerkship in the service of the railroad company at Newport News. Mr. Ro. T. Armistead left this morning for Yorktown on an important legal mis-

Mrs. T. M. Ambler, from Baltimore arrived yesterday morning on a visit.

She is a guest at the Marshall House.

Mr. H. W. Burnhaust, from Michigan,
who some time ago purchased the brick and tile plant formerly owned and operated by R. E. and W. T. Gatewood, on Yarmouth creek, will, it is stated, soon begin the manufacture of brick on a large scale, using the most modern and improved machinery. The opening up of this plant will be a great benefit to this section as it will size analyzement to section, as it will give employment to large number of men.

WYTHE COUNTY.

Death of a Worthy Citizen-The Assault Gase-Personal.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., December Special.)-Mr. Rufus Brown, one of the oldest and best known citizens of the county, who lived on Black Lick, is dead. He was born on the estate where he General Pellier. lived and died in 1819, and was a member of the Lutheran Church for over sixty rears. By his death our county loses one

of its best and truest citizens At a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Giles county an order was entered to the effect that the board would no longer allow fees paid the lawyers for

defending criminals of that county who Lou Bourne, the negro who is under arrest here charged with a criminal as-sault upon a lady in the upper end of

this county several weeks ago, has been given a preliminary hearing, and has been sent on for indictment. The evidence gainst him is conclusive.
It is reported here that Mr. Wythe B

Graham, of Max Meadows, has bought the Randall Crockett Farm, in Draper's Valley, paying \$30,000 for it. Valley, paying \$30,000 for it.

Thousands of young fish are being shiped from the United States Fish Hatche Wytheville, to points in Tenne

e and this State. J. E. Tarter, of Bland Courthouse will soon become a resident of Wythe ville, and will practice his profession here. Dr. Tarter is a native of this coun

Miss Hattle, sister of Dr. C. D. Owens

of this place, who has been ill for some days, is no better.

Mrs. Josephine Reed, who has been visiting relatives in Richmond and at Martinsville, Las returned home.

Mrs. Quenville and family, and Mrs. Von Meysenberg and family, who have been boarding in our town since early summer, will return to their home, in New Orleans, to-morrow.

Volunteer Club Stag Party. A stag dance, given under the auspic

Volunteer Musical Club, First Regiment, Infantry, was held last night at the Armory Hall.

The music was furnished by the club and was well rendered. Those present were Lieutenant A. W. Miller, Captain John W. Starke, Lieutenant Scott Cunningham, A. Gary, G. C. Waller, L. Woodson, A. L. Ford, H. T. Ford, R. Richardson, C. Cupp, Dash Ashby, Walter Birchett, J. Ems, Allen Jeter, L. Cherry E. Cherry, J. Cherry, J. C. Weckert, Markey, L. L. Matthews, C. P. Hill, J. Robertson, W. Thurston, Kemper Thorn ton, V. R. Ford, Gus Shepherd, Joe Conway, and Ike Flegenheimer.

A Richmond Theatrical Company. A combination of local histrionic talent to be known as the Manhattan Comed

Company, is being organized here, and will take to the road in about two weeks time. Mr. T. L. Bell is the manager, and he is enthusiastic over the prospects of the company, which, he says, includes of the company, which, he says, includes the best professional talent in the city of Richmond. The route lies through the Southern States. Those financially in-terested in the venture are Mr. D. A. Putney, of the Sun Life Insurance Cot pany; Mr. Hunter Wilkinson, who will act as treasurer, and Mr. T. L. Bell, the

Hunt in North Carolina. Judge E. C. Minor and Clerk P. P. Winston, of the Law and-Equity Court

returned yesterday from a hunting excursion in North Carolina, where they were royally entertained by Mr. Julian They are quite enthusiastic over their experiences. The sport was excellent and

they bagged between them ninty-nine birds and thirty-three rabbits. Certifying Pension Claims. Clerk Walter Christian, of the Hustings Court, has been spending the vacation certifying to the claims of veterans and widows of veterans of the Mexican war. These certificates are sent to Washing-ton, whence checks are issued to the ap-

THE DREYFUS CASE.

ALL OTHER PARIS INTERESTS

ESTERHAZY INVESTIGATION

Charges Against the French Major to Be Officially Inquired Into Matter in the Chamber of Deputies-Prospective Duel a Result.

PARIS, December 4.-All political and

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social interests continue to be merged in the case of Alfred Dreyfus, the former captain of French artillery, who is all leged to have been unjustly sentenced to imprisonment for life, on the charge of having sold important plans of the French War Department to agents of a foreign Power. Everything else is neglected. The journals still devote endless columns in the biggest type to the affairs of Dreyfus, his friends, his enemies, and everybody else in any way connected with the case. Everybody seems to be mixed up in the case, from the Pope to Emperor William, of Germany, and syndicates and secret societies are said to be hard at work, spending millions on one side or the other, and all France is in the throes of an agitation which is un paralleled since the days of Danton and Robespierre.

According to the Daily Telegraph, of London, on Thursday last, copies of which paper have been passed around here by those interested in the subject. a "person who is really behind the scenes," says: "Undoubtedly some per-son or persons did get very important facts regarding our plans (the French military plans) and communicate them to he German War Office within a fortnight after the decisions in question had been taken. If the extent to which this odious treason was committed, and the results it has produced in a neighboring country were fully made known, I doubt whether, knowing my countrymen as I do, they would remain satisfied with the punishment of one man. They would call for a radical change in the entire system, and possibly for more. This guilt may be brought home to another, or to others, without necessarily establishing the innocence of Dreyfus, who is lost beyond help and hope.

A COURT-MARTIAL

The Military Governor of Paris, General Saussier, has ordered the formation of a court-martial to examine into the charges brought against Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, the retired major in the French army, who is accused of writing the letter which brought about the sentencing of Dreyfus to imprison-ment for life, and who is alleged to have admitted the authorship of letters published by the Figaro recently, reflecting apon France and the French army.

The Journal says that the decision of General Saussier is based upon the decision of General Peilier, who was ap-pointed by the Minister of War to ex-amine into the charges brought against Count Esterhazy, and which is as follows: "So far as Dreyfus is concerned, the case has been tried. No new fact has been brought out, and no new document has been submitted during the course of the inquiry, to justify a revision of the trial. In consequence, there is no ground for proceeding against Count Esterhazy, so far as regards the crime of high trea-son, for which Alfred Dreyfus was condemned. Both sides profess to be pleased with the announcement."

The anti-Dreyfusians contend that the order of General Saussier cannot be construed as implying doubt as to the validity of the sentence imposed upon Dreyand that the Esterhazy inquiry not concerned with the Dreyfus case, but

On the other hand, the Dreyfusians assert that the inquiry will necessitate the introduction of expert evidence concern ng the handwriting of the memorandur which convicted Dreyfus, proving it to b Esterhazy's, and they also propose to in troduce evidence that documents which were not submitted for the inspection of Dreyfus or his counsel at the time of his trial by court-martial were communicated to the officers composing the court. There seems to be no doubt that was done, and lawyers who have been juestioned on the subject claim that it

invalidates the court-martial. The investigation into the Esterhazy affair will be made by the military of ficers attached to the court-martial. I is said the case will consume three weeks and the people are now eagerly discusand the people are now eagerly discuss-ing whether the court-martial, if ordered, will be secret or public. The prelimi-naries are always private; but there is great public opposition to the court-martial's taking place in private, and the French officials, also, are believed to be in fear of a repetition of the unpopular chases of the Dreyfus trial.

DREYFUS CASE IN CHAMBER. The case of Dreyfus was discussed in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, and oc casionally gave rise to heated utterances A good majority of the deputies, how-ever, sustained the position taken by the

overnment. M. Andre Castelin, representing the district of Laon, editor of the Cocarde, and formerly one of the warm supporters of the late General Boulanger, brought the matter up by asking the Premier, Meline, to reassure the public, especially the army, on the subject, to which the Premier replied: "There is no Dreyfus

affair, and can be none."

General Billot, the Minister of War was summoned, and he was soon placed in possession of the facts in the case his reply to the deputies he spoke in decidedly warm tones. Among othe things he said:

"The Premier has already told you that there was no such thing as the Dreyrus case. A year ago, upon an interpellation by M. Castelin, the War Minister avalled himself of the opportunity to say that Dreyfus had been fairly tried and unani-mously condemned by seven of his equals, on the evidence of twenty-seven officers. (Applause.) The government, when questioned a few days ago, declared through the Minister of War that they considered that Dreyfus had been regularly and

"For myself, in my soul and conscience, as a soldier and chief of the army, I regard the sentence as just. Dreyfus is guilty." (Applause.)
The Minister of War then repeated the

remarks of the Premier concerning Esterhazy, and he ended with a general expression of regret at the fact that he had no means of dealing with the "calumntes against the chief of staff," and begging against the chief of staff, and begging the Chamber to assist in bringing the "odious campaign" to an end. Seven resolutions were proposed. That of M. Henri de Lavert (Republican), rep-

resenting the District of Saint Yrieux, "that the Chamber respect a judgment passed, and sympathizing with the hom-age rendered to the army by the Minister of War, passes to the order of the day," was accorded priority by a vote of 372 to The first section was adopted, with the

vote standing 490 to 18, and the second section was adopted by a vote of 523 to 18. An amendment approving of the declaration of the Minister of War was adopted by 325 ayes to 153 nays, and another proposed by M. Pierre Richard, a former proposed by M. Pierre Richard, a former Boulangist, condemning "those who are conducting an odious campaign," was adopted, 154 of the deputies voting for

A DUELA

As a result of some hot words exchanged during the Dreyfus debate in

the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Joseph Michard (Republican), representing the District of Digne, a well-known newspaper man and author, and editor of the Republique Francaise, sent his seconds to M. Millerand, the well-known Socialist Deputies and Millerand, the Well-known Socialist

Republican, and editor of the Petite Re-publique Francaise. A duel with pistols has been arranged, to take place between M. Richard has already fought duels with M. Magnier and Paul Deroulede.

ESTERHAZY TO BE PROSECUTED. LONDON, December 4.—Special dis-patches received here to-night from Patis say that Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, who is charged with having writ ten the letter which led to the imprison ment of former Captain Alfred Dreyfus and copies of whose other letters I ing upon the honor of high French mili-tary officials were recently published by Figaro, is to be prosecuted for forgery.

RACING AT PIMLICO ENDS. Rain and Mud-Books Reap a Rich

BALTIMORE, December 4.-The facemeeting at Pimlico wound up to-day in rain and mud. As usual on "get-away day," long shots came to the front, and the books reaped a rich harvest. Sum-

First race-five furlongs-Filament (7 to 5) won, Elicen D. (15 to 1) second, Harper (6 to 5) third. Time, 1:37.

Second race—seven furlongs—Marsian (5 to 1) won, Master James (8 to 1) second, Hanwell (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:35.

cond, Hanwell (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:25.

Third race—seven furiongs—Isen (15 to 1) won, Tremargo (2 to 1) second, High Ho (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:35.

Fourth race—one mile—Nearest (8 to 1) won, Sensational (6 to 1) second, Squan (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:37:3-4.

Fifth race—one mile—Decapod (21-2 to 1) won, Musketeer (3 to 1) second, Riffer (7 to 5) third. Time, 1:51:1-2.

Sixth race—the Elkridge Cup Steeple-chase, four miles—Hen, Bolt (2 to 1) won, Athele (even) second, Bille Be D— (15 to 1) third. Time, not taken.

i) third. Time, not taken. CRESCENT CITY OPENING.

NEW ORLEANS, December 4.—The rescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting opened under very favorable aus-pices this afternoon. The weather was cloudy and cold, and the track heavy, but the attendance was large. Summa-First race-one mile-Balk Line (4 to 5)

First race—one mile—Balk Line (4 to 5) won, A. B. C. (5 to 2 and even) second, Swordsman (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:581-2. Second race—five furiongs—Wolford (5 to 5) won, Dunster (4 to 1 and 3 to 2) second. Mr. Hunt (2) to 1) third. Time, 1:11. Third race—mile and an eighth—Dave Pulsifer (6 to 1) won, Partner (7 to 1 and 3 to 1) second, Ondague (3 to 5) third. Time, 2:141-2. Fourth race—six furions—Glepmovne Fourth race-six furlongs-Glenmoyne

(11 to 20) won, Scribe (7 to 2 and 6 to 5) second, Virgie Dixon (15 to 1) third. me, 1:27. Fifth race—six furlongs—Cave Spring (29 to 1) won, Peacemaker (3 to 2 and 1 to 2) second, Wells Street (20 to 1)

third. Time, 1:26. GEORGE F. SLOSSON WINS. He Is Billiard Champion of the

World-Schnefer Second. NEW YORK, December 4.-By defeating Champion Frank C. Ives, George F. Slosson won the series in the billiard tournament for the championship of the world. During the series the "Student" has won against all of his opponents, taking four To-night's game was one of the finest

exhibitions ever given here. Ives held the lead until the very last inning, being within two of the game, when Siosson, far behind, took up his cue. The "Student," by marvellous work, ran out, and dent," by marvellous work, ran out, and with 60 roints, in the forty-first interest of the very stibule window, and his neck was broken. Whitehead's head was cut open and his chest crushed. won with 60 points, in the forty-first inning. Schaefer takes second place, with three

Ives wins the best grand average prize, and the prize for the highest run, which is the record-140. INTERNATIONAL BICYCLE RACE,

A Series of Minor Contests as a Pre-

Sutton, who lost all his games, last.

lude. NEW YORK, December 4.-As a preude to the big six-day international bicycle race, in which over forty riders rom the principal cities of the world are to compete, a series of short races took place at the Madison-Square Garden tonight. Many of the prominent racers who have made their names world-wide-

ly known took part in the sprints.

The six-day race will begin at 12:15 A.

M. Monday, and the latest entry is Edouard Tayleure, of France.

Just before this Jimmy Michael will attempt to beat the world's mile record, paced, in-door, 1:48, made by John S.

NORTH CAROLINA METHODISTS. To Meet Next Year in Elizabeth City.

Temperance-Missions. RALEIGH, N. C., December 4.-At th morning session of the North Carolina Methodist conference to-day, the body accepted an invitation to meet next year at Elizabeth City. The reports from the preachers were concluded. Rev. J. L. Bruce, a returned missionary from Bra-

zil, spoke on the mission work of Metho dism in that country.

In the afternoon, the report on temperance, favoring the use of every effort to have the injurious effects of alcoholic drinks taught in public schools, was

adopted. The Epworth League report recom mended an Epworth League and Sunday-

mended an Epworth League and Sundayschool conference.

In the evening there was read the report of the Board of Missions, which
was gratifying. An address followed, by
Rev. Dr. Atkins, of Nashville, secretary
of the Sunday-School Board of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The
address was strong, emphasizing the fact
that the gospel of missions should be
preached in contradistinction to the gospel of collections. "Preach missions
first," he said, "and let collections follow."

The conference will make appointme Monday, and then adjourn to meet at Elizabeth City next year.

NEWPORT NEWS.

Personal Notes. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 4-Special.)-At a called meeting of the

Will Restore Democratic Harmony-

City Democratic Committee held last night, Mr. John G. Livezey was elected city chairman to succeed Mr. W. E. Bar-rett, who resigned several weeks since. Mr. Livezey was opposed by Dr. H. M. Smith, the vote standing 8 to 5. The election of Mr. Livezey, it is said, will restore perfect harmony and good feeling in the party ranks. He has never iden tified himself with any clique or faction and is termed a middle-of-the-road Dem

Extensive preparations have been made for the public memorial session of the local lodge of Elks, which will be held in Johnson's Opera-House to-morrow afternoon. The panegyric will be delivered by the gifted and eloquent rabbi, Dr. Ed-ward N. Calisch, of Richmond.

ward N. Callsch, of Richmond.

Mrs. W. M. Taylor held a reception last night at her residence, on Twenty-fifth street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Long Street. Fiere were about fortin nests present. chioness Commits Suicide.

THREE MEN KILLED. A SCORE OF PEOPLE INJURED. TEX

OF THEM SERIOUSLY.

TERRIBLE COLLISION OF STREET-CARS. The Vehicles Driven Half Through Each Other and Crushed to Pieces

It is Remarkable That Any One of

the Passengers Escaped Alive DETROIT, MICH., December 4.-Two uburban cars, carrying about twenty. passengers, and both running at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour, collided on the Detroit and Oakland electric railroad this afternoon. Three men were instantly killed, and a score of persons injured,

The dead are: JOHN SAVAGE, superintendent of the

ten of them seriously.

CHARLES M. WHITEHEAD, meter-

JOHN KELLY, of Detroit, book-agent, The injured are:

Frank McHugh, motorman; leg broken and internally injured. Louis Harneck; severely bruised and internally injured.

Mrs. John Doty, of Pontias; two ribs broken, and otherwise injured. Aged mother of Mrs. John Doty, of Pontiae; badly crushed, and leg broken, John F. Madden, Leonard; legs broken

and arms badly bruised. Peter Hempt, Detroit; cut in leg. Mrs. E. H. Smith, Detroit; legs and Goodale, LaPeer, severely bruised. Mrs. Warner Goodale, face cut; body badly bruised.

A. E. Robertson, Walnut, Oakland county; leg badly cut, hand crushed, and

John Riegel, Pontiac; compound fracture of leg.

Half a dozen others were more or less cut by broken glass and bruised

CAUSE IN DOUBT. The exact cause of the accident is yet in doubt. According to the schedule, a car leaves the Detroit and Pontiac termini every hour, and there are three sidings along the road. To-day the cars were behind time. One bound southward to Detroit had passed an outward car at the switch two miles out, the crew being apparently ignorant of the fact being apparently ignorant of the fact that another outward-bound car was approaching them less than two miles

approaching them less than two miles distant, although it is claimed that they should have known it from orders sent from Birmingham. The weather was foggy and the rails were slippery from sleet which had been falling. The collision occurred near a gravel-pit about midway between Pontiac and Birmingham, at the foot of two steep grades, down which the cars ran at full speed. The collision was terrible. The cars were driven half through each other, and crushed to pieces. Superintendent Savage was in the motorman vestibule, operating the outward-bound car. Both his legs were cut off, and his body was frightfully mangled. Motorman McHugh, who stood behind Savage, narrowly escaped a similar fate. John Kelly was evidently the only passenger who saw the norththe only passenger who saw the north-bound car approaching. He rushed for the vestibule door, and he and Motorman exhibitions ever given here. Ives held

and his chest crushed. Had it not been for the stout construction of the cars, both of which were new, it is doubtful whether any of their occupants would have escaped alive. As it was, nearly all of the fourteen pas-sengers in the south-bound car suffered games won; Ives third, Daly fourth, and some injury. Some of the injured were taken to farm-houses. Others were

brought to city hospitals.

The company officials are investigating as to the responsibility for the disaster, and a coroner's jury has already been impannelled. The Detroit, Birmingham and Ponting

road is a suburban enterprise. Its cars nue car-line. THE LUETGERT TRIAL

Expert Long Refuses to Have Any-

thing to Do With It. CHICAGO, December 4.-The defence in the Luctgert case is likely to be greatly hampered in the matter of expert testimony. It came to light during the proceedings to-day that Professor John H. Long, of the Northwestern University,

has practically refused to have any connection with the present trial.

Professor Long was one of the prominent experts at the former trial, and nent experts at the former trial, and did more work in the case than any other expert, with the possible exception of Dr. Rieshe. For his services at the former trial Professor Long was paid \$300. In his researches he spent much more than this sum. According to the attorneys for the defence, there is no money available to recompense him for

any further services. NATIONAL PRISON ASSOCIATION. It . Will Meet Next Year at In-

AUSTIN, TEX., December 4.-The National Prison Association to-day decided that it would hold its next annual meeting in Indianapolis. The most important business of the morning session was the submission of the report of the Com-mittee on Criminal Law Reform. A number of recommendation were made to check the progress of crime. The wardens elected the following officers: President, Henry Wolford, Minnesota; First Vice-President, Philp H. Dorne, Cleveland; Second Vice-President, Walter N. Thayer, Second Vice-President, Walter N. Thayer, New York; Third Vice-President, C. P. Hoyt, Colorado; Secretary, T. B. Patton, Pennsylvania.

Robberies in Warwick.

MORRISON, VA., December 4.-(Special.)-Thieves entered the store of Mr. cial.)—Thieves entered the store of Mr.
J. J. Kellum, at this point, some time
between the hours of 11:20 o'clock Friday
night and 5 o'clock this morning, securing
booty to the amount of 5160 and over.
Among the articles purloined was a cash
register, valued at \$55, with its contents.
No clue to the perpetrators has as yet
been obtained. This makes the third
occurrence of this kind within forty days.
The post-office was also entered about The post-office was also entered al fitteen days ugo and goods and post-o matter to the amount of \$55 were rowed for an Indefinite space of time

The Weather. WASHINGTON, December 4-

FAIR Forecast for Sunday; For Virginia-Fair North Carolina-Fair weather; colders southwesterly winds, becoming westerly.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was rainy and disagree

Mean temperature